

BIG \$12,000 PROVERB CONTEST BEGINS TO-DAY

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Page 8—All May Enter Con-
test by Solving It.

PROVERB NO. 2 TO-MORROW

A Touring Car, Player Piano or
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Other Valuable Prizes
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The big race has started. The great proverb contest is on, and every one is trying to solve the first proverb problem. The first of the series of sixty-three proverb illustrations that will be published in the daily and Sunday Tribune during the next two months appears to-day on page 8.

Can you answer the proverb the picture represents? It is an easy subject, and illustrates a proverb that is very well known. No doubt that the correct answer is already in your mind or that you have heard this commonly used and well known English proverb many times. Turn to page 8 now and see if you can name it. After you have carefully decided on the answer which you think the illustration represents, clip the coupon and write your answer upon it. Then hold this coupon blank, to be added to the sixty-two others to follow from day to day, and send them all in together in one complete set after the last picture has appeared, at the close of the contest.

The rules governing the contest positively forbid the sending of answers until after the last picture has appeared, and contestants should bear this well in mind. The rules appear in connection with proverb picture No. 1, and all Tribune readers who are entering the contest should read them carefully, in order that they may fully understand just how and what to do.

After the last or sixty-third picture has appeared, there will be ten days time allowed for contestants to complete their sets and mail or bring them to the Contest Manager, New-York Tribune, Main Office, No. 124 Nassau street, New York City. This plan of holding the answers back until the last picture is published will save contestants the inconvenience and expense of mailing and filing answers each day. It also gives contestants an opportunity to discuss the probable solution of the proverb illustrations with friends and members of their family and will enable all to submit the very best solutions possible.

There will be nothing misleading about the illustrations. Each and every picture to be shown will represent some well known and popular proverb, clearly and plainly portrayed in the most interesting and entertaining manner.

Every one knows quite a number of familiar proverbs, and nearly all pride themselves upon their particular knowledge of them, but how many persons can quote and transcribe these proverbs correctly, and how many can recognize them when they are called to their memory by a picture? That is where the real test of the competition lies, and contestants must be careful to give the correct wording, spelling, punctuation, etc., as stated in the rules.

The series of sixty-three proverbs are now being selected according to their com-

SPRINGTIME SCENES IN CENTRAL PARK YESTERDAY.



mon use, and will be included in The Tribune's Book of English Proverbs, which will be published and placed on sale in a few days. The price of the book will be 25 cents at the office of The Tribune, No. 124 Nassau street, or the book will be sent by mail prepaid to any address upon receipt of 25 cents.

Four members of The Tribune's staff are now engaged in selecting and illustrating this correct list of proverbs. The answers are being prepared in sections, each section being separately sealed, and all will be deposited under one official seal in some well known bank or trust company, to be announced later.

The Tribune is going to make the contest simple and easy to follow, and at the same time it will take great pains to see that each and every competitor shall have fair and equal rights.

Many persons are going to win big prizes by solving these pictures. Will you be among this long list of winners? It may be, if you will only spend fifteen minutes of your time each day to the making out of the proverb problems.

Any one may enter the competition at any time and try for one of the magnificent prizes to be awarded, and which number over a thousand individual rewards. The man or woman, boy or girl who solves the proverb puzzles will have an equal chance to win the first grand reward, a 20-horsepower Jackson touring car, fully equipped with top, lights, windshield and speedometer—a car that sells regularly for \$1,800.

The second grand reward is a fore-door Paige-Detroit touring car, one of the latest and most efficient four-passenger cars on the market, and valued at \$1,000.

The other big rewards which are to go to those who are declared third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, etc., are all of high value. Among these rewards are four grand player-pianos, ranging in prices from \$35 down to \$60. Then there is a piano at \$200, a massive quartered oak and beautifully hand-carved, ten-piece suite of dining room furniture, costing \$450, a diamond ring at \$300, a motor boat at \$200, a three-piece leather Davenport suite, a motorcycle, leather rockers, trips, scholarships, popular sets of books and high grade fountain pens.

Enter the contest at once. Solve the first proverb picture to-day, and then be sure and get to-morrow's Tribune for proverb picture No. 2. Instruct your newsdealer to serve you with a copy of the paper every day during the period of the contest. If you live outside of greater New York and your newsdealer cannot supply you with The Tribune, write to the Contest Manager, The Tribune, No. 124 Nassau street, New York City, and he will see to it that the paper is sent to you at once.

Some of the prizes are being carried on fairy south winds straight to the heart of the well-dressed man who strolled Central Park West yesterday afternoon beneath a hat of straw. He wore a spring suit, no overcoat, of course, and there was an elasticity in his step that was catching the breath of others strolling the avenues and parks without wraps, for there was every indication that for the day, at least, the city had put away its icy reserve. Parents bought peanuts for their children at the entrances to Central Park, and toy balloons, too, and rambled happily through all the muddy places until it was dark.

There was a subtle beauty in the atmosphere that stirred radiators in even the most high priced apartments often fail to reproduce. It was a banner day for squirrels, who munched peanuts by the peck.

Over in Bayonne, N. J., two women displayed new spring hats on the Boulevard, and a hen laid an egg between the trolley tracks in Avenue C, near the Morris Canal bridge. The motorman, who held up his car until the hen completed her contract, captured the egg.

Motor boats skiffed Newark Bay. Boys played baseball in all the boroughs, the music of their language melting into one harmonious demand for "a homer."

There were fully eight thousand persons at the Zoological Gardens in Bronx Park yesterday, and they found many of the animals enjoying the first spring day in the outdoor cages. After being a day in the winter houses for so long a time, the change to summer quarters caused the spirits of some of the animal inmates to rise to the fighting pitch, and on two or three occasions keepers had to interfere to avert trouble.

It was so warm at the noon hour that the big walrus shunned the rocks around his tank and stuck to the water, and Peter, the polar bear, rolled about in the fast melting mound of snow in his cage to keep in an equable frame of mind.

The spirit of spring so affected Tom, an Angora billygoat, that he nearly butted a keeper over the wire fence around the goat enclosure. Tom surveyed the keeper with a malicious leer as the latter retreated, and when the keeper unsuspectingly leaned over to examine a feed tub Tom yielded to the irresistible impulse to "start something."

Before any warning could be shouted by the watching crowd to the keeper Tom was on his way. The force of the consequent impact was accelerated by the run Tom had taken. The next moment the keeper, the feed bucket and the goat were in a mix-up. Although dazed, the attendant made a run for the fence and vaulted it just in time to escape the sure aim of Tom, who was directly behind him.

ELEPHANT AMUSES YOUNGSTERS

Hattie, a Central Park favorite, does stunts for "Bill" Snyder.

Following the removal of the cumbersome and painful corns from the feet of Hattie, one of the elephants in the Central Park menagerie, "Bill" Snyder, the head keeper, put her through her paces in the first outdoor performance of the season yesterday afternoon. Hundreds of persons lined the railing outside the elephant yard while "Bill" was making Hattie do her stunts.

To the many juvenile requests for Snyder to make Hattie trumpet the keeper responded willingly and earned the youngsters' undying affection by causing the pachyderm to perform in this particular way until her efforts in that line became foggy from overwork.

Jewel, the other elephant, was not taken out, as she has shown a savage disposition in the last six months.

EXPLOSION IN ITALIAN QUARTER.

St. Louis, Feb. 26.—An explosion at 2:20 o'clock this morning in the houses at Nos. 214 and 216 Biddle street, in the heart of the Italian section, wrecked several buildings in the block.

The police report that the walls of two houses caved in, and although several persons were injured none was seriously hurt. The cause of the explosion is not known.

HEAVY TRUCK CAUSES DAMAGE

Carting Girders to New Municipal Building Wrecks Paving.

Thousands of persons halted along Broadway, Battery Place and Park Row yesterday to watch the progress of a twenty-ton truck pulled by thirty-four horses. The truck was used for hauling six steel girders, weighing from forty to sixty tons each, from a lighter at Pier 1 to the new Municipal Building, at Centre and Chambers streets.

The weight of the truck and girders crushed the wooden paving over the subway between Cortlandt and Fulton streets, wrecked scores of insulator boxes and covered the tracks of the Metropolitan cars between Broadway Company and at the corner of Ann street and Broadway short circuiting the current in one of the manholes of the New York Edison Company by crushing in the cover. Six more girders will be carted from the pier next Sunday.

MRS. BARNETTE ANGRY

Says She May Make Further
Charges Against Capt. Smith.

IF HIS CASE IS REOPENED

Wife of Lieutenant Colonel Says
the Cashiered Officer Con-
fessed His Own Guilt.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.)
Philadelphia, Feb. 26.—Mrs. George L. Barnette, wife of Lieutenant Colonel Barnette, in command of the marine corps at League Island, to-day served notice upon the authorities at Washington and the friends of ex-Captain Guy H. B. Smith, who was cashiered from the army after trial by court martial on charges of conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman, that, should they reinstate or even endeavor to reinstate Captain Smith in the United States army she would come forward with further charges of a similar nature to those for which the former captain lost his shoulder straps.

The alleged improper conduct for which Captain Smith was cashiered occurred while Mrs. Barnette and her two children and Captain Smith were fellow passengers on an army transport coming from Manila to San Francisco. The court martial dismissing Smith from the service was held at Fort Cook, Nebraska, four months ago, and the testimony and findings were kept a profound secret until Mr. Burton, United States Senator from Ohio, made a statement regarding the case a few days ago.

Mrs. Barnette to-day in the presence of her husband made the following statement:

"Captain Smith is guilty by his own confession. I am in a position to know of his confession, but am sworn to secrecy. I never would have spoken if his friends had

not chosen to open the matter.

"The charges that were brought against Captain Smith were preferred at the earnest request of the highest ranking officers in the army for the good of the service. It is scarcely likely that a civilian, a woman, could sway the entire United States army, could sway the highest ranking officers in the army, none of the members of the court martial being below the rank of major. He was represented by counsel and was presumed innocent until he was found guilty. He was found guilty by a jury of his peers and the verdict was approved by the President.

"If his friends wish to have this case reopened I notify them now that I will give evidence of a similar case in which he was implicated, which occurred four years ago."

Mrs. Barnette before her first marriage was Miss Lella Sinclair Montague, daughter of Mrs. Powhatan Montague. After her marriage to Basil Gordon, brilliant political leader and business man, she became known as one of the most charming hostesses of Baltimore society, and her house parties at her country place, Wakefield Manor, Virginia, were famous.

Mr. Gordon died, and his wife spent some years abroad. Her marriage to Colonel Barnette took place in Baltimore in 1908, and the couple left almost immediately for the colonel's new post in Peking.

MORE WORK FOR PAPERHANGERS.
A resolution will be adopted by the Bayonne Board of Health at its next meeting prohibiting new wall paper being pasted over old paper. The members have decided that old wall paper collects and distributes disease germs. A fine will be imposed on persons who fail to remove wall and ceiling paper before putting on new.

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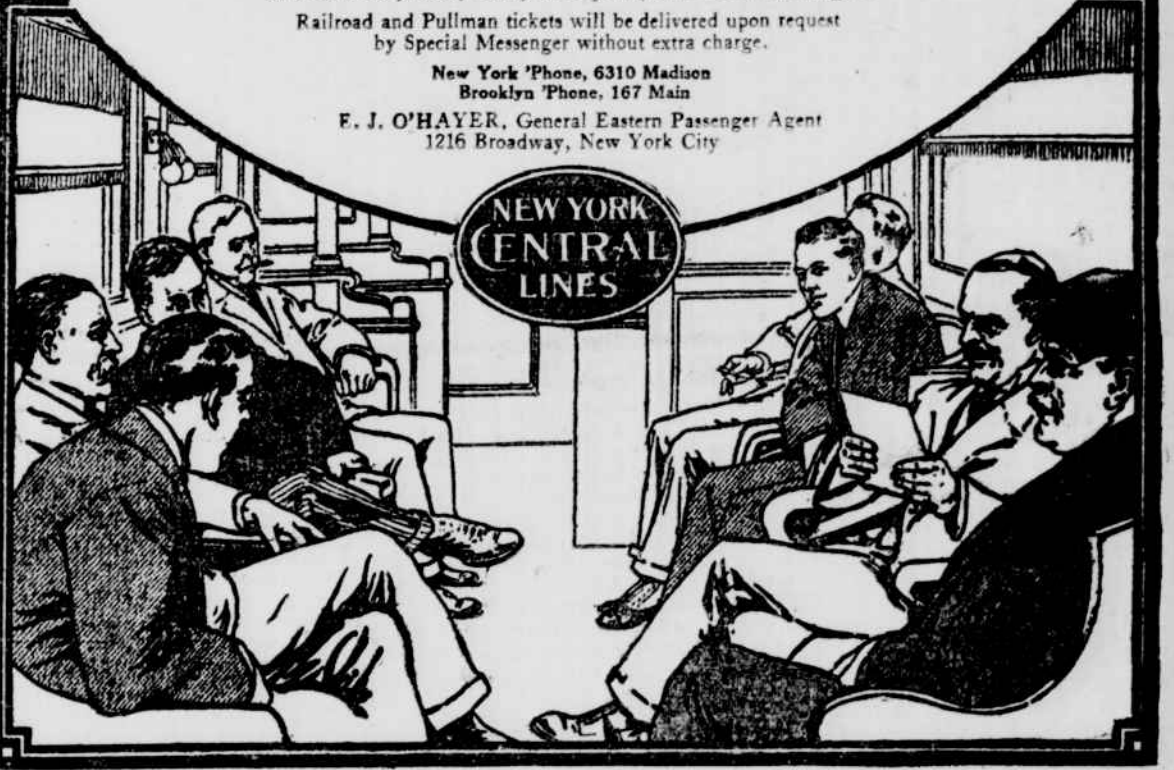
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